

**Volume 63 | Issue 24 Bulletin 3165 16 April 2025****MEETINGS**

**Attendees at meetings are encouraged to be fully Covid Vaccinated**

Please advise apologies to **Sandy Burns** or RSVP web link:  
by 9:00pm Sunday night  
Meetings commence at 6:30 pm,  
place meal orders before 6:20pm

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** As of 7 May meetings will commence at 6:30 pm. Members will still need to order their meals before 6:20pm. See notice in this Bulletin for further information.

**RSVP**

Click on the button or Ctrl+Click on the link below to **notify your attendance at Club Meetings, and if you are eating.**

<https://www.mitchamrotarysa.org.au/program-and-events>

**CLOSE OFF TIME NOW 9:00PM SUNDAY**

Please contact Sandy Burns by on 0417956333 or by email [sandyburns630@outlook.com](mailto:sandyburns630@outlook.com) should you not respond by the close off time or if you need to change your attendance status.

**23 April 2025****Social Dinner**

5.30 for 6pm  
Café Paparazzi  
291 Unley Rd, Malvern

**30 April 2025****No Meeting at the Ed**

3:30 Vocational Visit  
Haigh's Chocolate Factory  
154 Greenhill Rd, Parkside

**7 May 2025**

Topic

Reception &amp; Raffle

**at the Ed**

Committees

Peter Brooke-Smith

**21 May 2025**

Topic

**at the Ed**

*Do you smell worse as you get older; that is your sense of smell!*

Speaker

Dr Graham Ellender

Reception &amp; Raffle

Sandy Burns

**RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER 2025**

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| Peter Brooke-Smith | 7-May    |
| Sandy Burns        | 21-May   |
| Lee Camporeale     | 4-June   |
| Sam Camporeale     | 18-June  |
| Changeover Dinner  | 2 July   |
| Helen Charles      | 16 July  |
| Richard Croft      | 6 August |

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS****CHANGE TO CLUB MEETING START TIME.**

**FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS AT THE ED FROM 7 MAY WILL START AT 6.30PM SHARP.**

**IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS.**

Having registered for the meeting on line, attendees must arrive from 6.00pm, register, order food and pay before 6.20pm.

**THE MEETING WILL START AT 6.30PM SHARP.**

**MEALS BEGIN TO ARRIVE 6.45PM.**

For further information please see the email being sent to all members regarding new details for weeks 1 and 3.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It is great to be back after 5 weeks in Europe. Many thanks to the Board, particularly Jenny, Barry and Andrew, for keeping things during my absence. We welcomed visitors Farheen Khurum and Penny Knott at our last dinner meeting. I had the pleasure of meeting Farheen and her husband Rahid Fardad at the Mitcham citizenship ceremony in January.



Our guest speaker at that meeting was Dave Cockshell from 'Rotary Australia Re-purposing Equipment' RARE (and member of RC of Gawler Light) who gave us an informative and entertaining presentation on the amazing work of this organisation. I hope that we can find opportunities as a club to contribute more to RARE in the future.

Following the presentation of Tim Mee, Rotary District 9510 International Service Chair, and Maurice O'Connell, an Australian volunteer in Ukraine at our club meeting on 2 April 2025 on the work being undertaken by Districts 9510, 2232 and New Dawn (an NGO operating in Ukraine) I am pleased to report that the Board has approved the allocation of \$5000



to the RAWCS project 58-2022-23, in support of the aid project in Southern Ukraine.

Peter Dry  
President

## DIRECTORS' REPORTS



**International  
Committee**  
*Timor Leste  
Water Purification  
Project: Sulamali  
and Lookeu Foho,  
Covaline  
municipality*

Mitcham Rotary is a joint partner with RC Adelaide Light and RC Hervey Bay Sunrise Queensland in this project to provide safe drinking water to the villages of Sulamali (125 households, population 587) and Lookeu Foho (89 households, population of 355). Both villages are on the outskirts of 'Suai'-large town on south coast of Timor Leste.

Water and sanitation hygiene are the foundations of good health and this infrastructure is urgently needed in Timor Leste which is still recovering from the destruction of 75% of its infrastructure 22 years ago when this small nation finally gained its independence.

I am pleased to inform members that the project has been endorsed for a global grant and is now proceeding.

Locky McLaren  
Director

## GUEST SPEAKER

**DAVE COCKSHELL**

**Rotary Australia Re-purposing Equipment (RARE)**

Dave Cockshell joined Rotary in 2001 with RC Gawler Light. President in 2005/6. Assistant Governor Group 9 in District 9500 for 3 years. Since 2010 he has been the Chairman/Regional Manager of Donations in Kind - Central Region (now Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment). Dave was awarded Rotary International's Service Above Self Award in 2020 and in 2024, an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his service to the geophysical profession and Rotary programs.

RARE is a major programme within RAWCs, it helps clubs and other organisations get surplus goods to

communities in need. The programme is Australia wide with five regions each having a RARE operation. In South Australia RARE's warehouse is in Edinburgh Parks.

The types of donated goods RARE deals with are: medical equipment, supplies and instruments; dental equipment, hospital furniture; domiciliary equipment; school books, desks and chairs etc; computers and audio visual equipment; toys, clothes and eyeglasses; gardening and workshop tools; sewing machines and musical instruments.

RARE works through the program connecting with people and organisations wanting to donate goods, collecting the goods and then sorting, checking, cleaning and storing them and making the shipping arrangements. Clubs provide the link to communities in need, collating the required goods, funding of freight costs and finally distributing the goods.

Over the last 10 years ten projects (comprising of multiple shipping containers) have been completed and sent to the South West Pacific, South East Asia and Africa.

Each individual container costs between \$3,000 and \$11,000 to ship.



## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

